

SENATOR WITHEM: I guess the same...the same thing will happen with private and public institutions. We will be able to comment. Here, Larry just circled something here for me, let me read this and see if it answers the question. "All new and existing nursing programs shall provide documentation concerning current and projected program need, cost, impact on other programs, availability of appropriate clinical experiences, and other data required by the plan for nursing education." There will be a review to determine the adequacy of nursing education and whether we have duplication. Then if there are actions that need to be taken on that, those that control public institutions will be free to make whatever appropriate actions they feel need to take place. Those who control private institutions will also be free to take whatever action they choose.

SENATOR WARNER: Would I be correct that this will be the first time that we have passed a state statute where independent institutions have their programs reviewed, if I am understanding you correctly?

SENATOR WITHEM: Senator Warner, I do not have the knowledge on the history to know whether that is true or not. I mean if...I would defer to your judgment...

SENATOR WARNER: It is probably in statute where independent colleges or independent institutions programs are reviewed by the coordinating commission or some body by statute.

SENATOR WITHEM: I guess I didn't catch what the question was that you were asking there at the end. Is this the first time, and I honestly do not know if this the first time that independent colleges would be reviewed.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: All right, I will just...if what I am hearing is correct that independent institutions are also having their programs reviewed as to whether they should be starting one up or discontinue it, we certainly have done this in the proprietary area of licensing but it would seem to be a very significant change, and I doubt that the state can do anything with it, but it would seem to me a very significant change if we are starting to review what the independent sector does for new programs.